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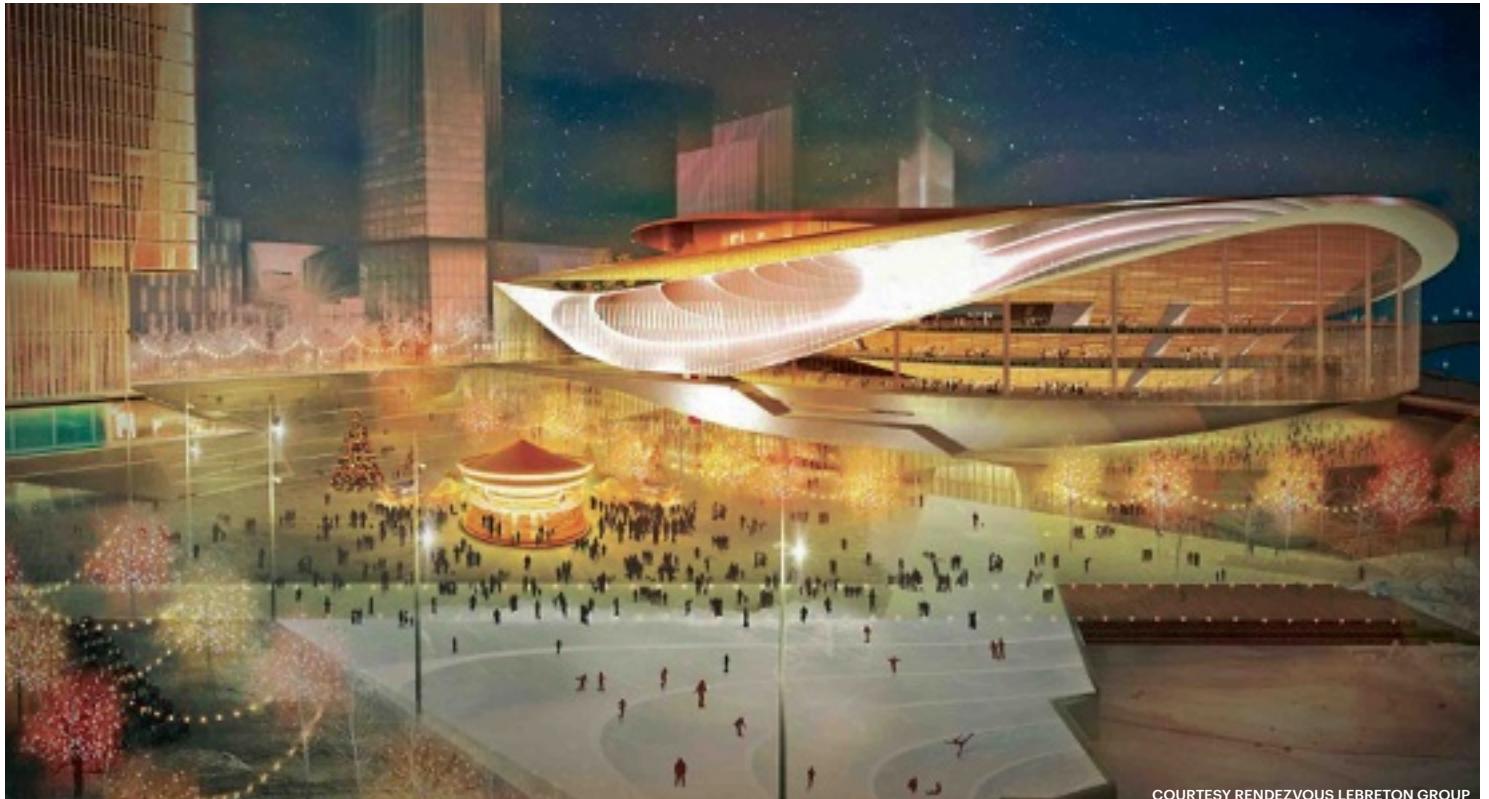
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1 Flowering Trees

We're still suffering from chilly temperatures that would suggest otherwise, but spring has started to blossom in the capital. Bundle up and get outside this weekend to the Arboretum where Friends of the Farm will be giving walking tours of flowing trees. The tours are free but the group is asking for donations — register by emailing info@friendsofthefarm.ca or call (613) 230-3276. The tour will start at 2 p.m. at Building 72 in the Arboretum.



2 Tabletop competitions

It's International Tabletop Board Game Day on Saturday and there's a few different events going on around the city. The Ottawa Board Gaming Community will be hosting at Greenfield's Pub & Eatery in Nepean starting at noon. Mrs. Tiggy Winkles toy store will also be hosting an all day gaming event — but tournaments (at the Bank Street and Richmond Road locations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) are already full but board games will be 20 per cent off all day.



3 Hintonburg Fabric Flea market

Bring your crafty ideas to the fabric flea market on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington Street. Over 70 vendors will be selling all kinds of fabrics and sewing related items. Entry is \$2 and goes to the Salvation Army Grace Manor.



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

THINGS TO DO IN THE CITY THIS WEEKEND

It's spring! There's blossoms in the Arboretum, you can get a good deal while OC Transpo is doing spring cleaning and enjoy the first PoutineFest of the year.

4 Lost and found sale

Something lost, something found: it's time to clear out OC Transpo's lost and found with everything that hasn't been claimed. Head to the Heartwood House at 404 McArthur Avenue on Saturday, noon to 2 p.m., to find some forgotten treasure.



5 PoutineFest

Starting on Thursday and carrying on Sunday the smell of curds and gravy will be wafting over the downtown. The heart (attack) of the festival is Sparks Street, where vendors will be showing off innovative and unusual poutines from 11 a.m. onwards. Admission, including live music, is free.

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BREWS AND BIKING AWAITS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Pedal between pints at celebrated local brewhouses.



PATRONS TAKE IN A TASTING AT ADROIT THEORY BREWING COMPANY, A NANO-BREWERY SPECIALIZING IN BARREL-AGED BEERS IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA. ABOUD DWECK

Northern Virginia may be well known for its wine scene, but it's also quickly becoming one of the hottest regions in the U.S. for craft beer and is home to the recently named Best Small Brewery in the U.S.: Port City Brewing Co. From quaint microbreweries to hoppin' brewpubs, combining brews with biking is a great way to experience the flavour and scenery of the region.

"People will stop, get a beer and then bike some more," says Nicole Warner, spokesperson for Discover Prince William & Manassas. Bring your own two wheels, rent one from Bike and Roll, or borrow one through the Capital Bikeshare program, which offers access to 3,000 bikes at 350 stations in the region.

"Virginia has been doing wine for decades, and now it's getting into craft beer," Warner says. "You're seeing breweries in historic downtown settings but also on farms where they're growing hops right next to the tasting room."

There are some 35 microbreweries in the region, many with a local focus. "People want authentic and local," says Warner. "Here, you're getting brewmasters using products grown right on the farm."

BadWolf Brewing Co. in Prince William & Manassas, for example, specializes in local flavours and whole ingredients. Also in the area is Growling Bear Brewer, a husband-and-wife team that emphasizes local, organic ingredients; its flagship is Panda Bear, described as "dessert in a glass" with flavours of bourbon, chocolate and vanilla. Over in Arlington, Sehkraft Brewing dishes up seasonal American chow with a rotating selection of 35 local and guest beers on tap and has a brewery on site.

In the historic city of Alexandria, Port City Brewing Co. — named the Best Small Brewery in the U.S. at the Great American Beer Festival — offers regular tastings, tours and quirky events like the Pedals 'N' Pints bike ride. And this summer sees the revival of Portner Brewhouse, a historic Alexandria brewery, restaurant and Craft Beer Test Kitchen inspired by 100-year-old pre-Prohibition breweries.

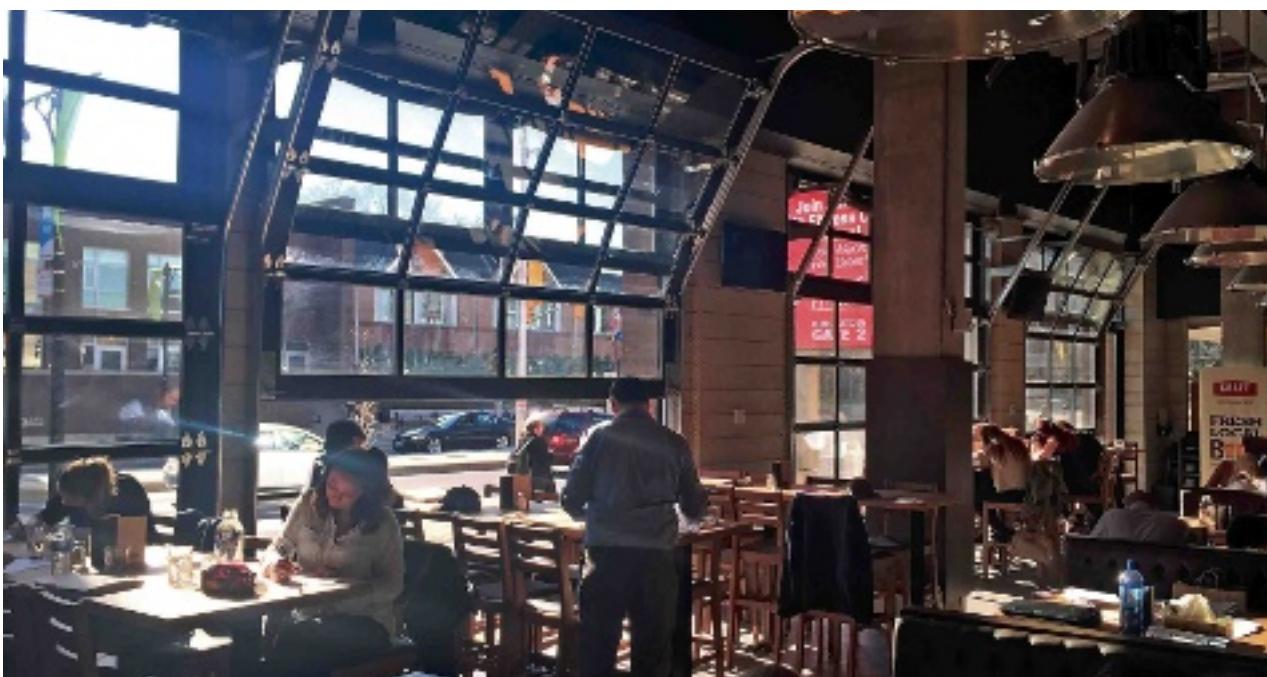
There are many ways to explore the beer scene in Loudoun along the LoCo Ale Trail, which ties together 17 microbreweries in the area. In Fairfax County, take a trip down the short but delicious Lorton Beer Trail, which combines Fair Winds Brewing Co. and Forge Brew Works. For those who prefer to work off the calories before drinking them in, hop on a bike and explore the string of breweries along the Washington & Old Dominion and Mount Vernon trails. There's also biking along the Potomac River with views of the D.C. skyline and Washington Monument.

The Washington & Old Dominion Trail links Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties on an old railroad bed that's been transformed into a 45-mile trail for walking and biking. The Mount Vernon Trail is nearly 18 miles long, following the Potomac's Virginia shoreline from Theodore Roosevelt Island to George Washington's estate at Mount Vernon. There are several points of interest along the way — including microbreweries and taprooms.

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CRAFT Beer Market is opening its much-anticipated Ottawa location at Lansdowne next month. CONTRIBUTED

The market that will soon be beer mecca

CRAFT ready to reward punters' patience when its 121 taps flow

THE BOTTLENECK

Jordan Duff



It is happening! CRAFT Beer Market is opening its Ottawa location at Lansdowne, which is quickly becoming the 613's beer mecca.

If you are into beer (and if you read this column, you are), beer will be the centrepiece. Of the 132 lines, 121 are for beer and, of those, 15 taps will be rotating.

Wine, Bridgehead cold-brew, Harvey and Vern's soda and Culture Kombucha are among the other draught offerings. But the focus on beer goes beyond the impressive tap list. A monstrous glass keg room dominates one side of the space with seductive industrial beer line piping tra-

versing the ceiling before dropping into the centre of the bar.

If this piques your interest, you'll be pleased to know the market will offer "Behind the Taps" tours, which bring guests inside the glass-enclosed keg room to explain the system. Weekly tapline cleaning ensures no single line goes three weeks without a cleanse. Even the electricity is clean — Bullfrog Power is used for all beer-operating systems. Your beer is clean and so is your conscience.

The menu is catered to pair with beer, of course. To this end, much of the food is made in-house, like daily baked buns, scratch sauces and offerings from an on-site butcher. There will be a wide-range of approachable familiar pub-style dishes as well as some more haute couture plates.

Eating locally is a focus of the kitchen, so partners like Pete's Gluten Free, Seed to Sausage and Slipacoff Premium Meats will be among the suppliers.

The layout of the restaurant is very open with large windows

+ FLEX, THEN SIP

CRAFT will also feature a semi-private mezzanine that will also host some interesting events such as brewmaster's dinners, and Bend and Brunch, which offers yoga, a "beermosa" and brunch.

and high ceilings. The space sits 380 and another 120 on the two patios. And we all know Ottawa loves patios.

Sightlines into the keg room and kitchen allow even the most suspicious guest a relaxed experience. Large retractable garage doors along Bank St. and a folding glass wall along Exhibition Way will allow for a breezy experience.

Beyond the number of local taps, the community-focused social endeavors are what sets this restaurant apart. CRAFT staff have already volunteered with the Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group (GNAG). Their culinary team works with the Ronald

McDonald House monthly to prepare meals for all the families staying there.

Two items on their menu have the "MealShare" symbol. By ordering one of these items, someone in need at Operation Come Home is provided a meal; it's like an edible version of TOMS shoes. Finally, four times a year, there will be a Community Brew partnership with a local brewery to create an exclusive beer — \$1 from the sale of every pint will go to support a local charity or initiative.

Thirsty potential patrons have been eagerly awaiting CRAFT to unleash its 121 draught lines of beer.

Unforeseen construction delays were a major contributor to the slow opening, but a tip of the pint to the restaurant for taking its time and owning the delays. It's quick to credit the supportive patience it received from local beer community. This patience will be rewarded mid-May.

Check @CRAFTottawa for the latest news.

+ LOCAL HOPPENINGS

CRAFT isn't the only place to get your fill of fantastic beer. I've consulted far and wide (Twitter) and received the following suggestions:

■ Bowman's Bar & Grill: Just outside downtown, you can find a wicked list of craft beer from BBG (unsure if this acronym is catching on... yet).

■ Brother's Beer Bistro: Centrally located in the market, this cozy resto will satisfy the nerdiest of beer nerds.

■ Arrow & Loon: A large outdoor patio for the summer months is mirrored by an urban mall indoor patio.

■ LOCAL Public Eatery: The

redevelopment of Lansdowne would have felt incomplete without an infusion of craft beer.

■ Bistro L'Autre Oeil: For those who are "over" Ontario craft beer, try Quebec's instead!

■ Vineyards Wine Bar Bistro: Don't be turned off by

the wine in the name; this bistro's also got beer!

■ The Burbs Pub and Eatery: Twitter says the best selection in Kanata; who am I to argue?

■ The Wellington Gastropub: Vinyl on the turntable, craft on tap. So hot.

LEBRETON FLATS REDEVELOPMENT

Sens arena bid the preferred choice

DOWNTOWN PROPOSAL

Board votes to negotiate with RendezVous

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Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene

DEVELOPMENT

LeBreton library is still a possibility

**Emma Jackson**
Metro | Ottawa

Don't close the book just yet on a central library in LeBreton Flats.

The National Capital Commission announced Wednesday it will negotiate with RendezVous LeBreton, led by the Ottawa Senators, to redevelop 22 hectares of brownfields around the war museum.

But a central library isn't part of the plan, after the NCC said the bid's plans for a main library fell outside the boundaries the NCC had set in its request for proposals.



A new central library in LeBreton Flats is still a possibility.

CONTRIBUTED

Melnyk's dream of moving his team downtown is one step closer to reality.

On Thursday, the National Capital Commission (NCC) board voted to negotiate with RendezVous LeBreton on its proposed arena project for 22 hectares of LeBreton Flats land.

A special five-member evaluation committee recommended the Ottawa Senators-backed bid

for the city's most significant swath of downtown land. Apart from an NHL-calibre rink, the plan includes retail, green space and 4,400 residential units, including affordable housing.

The firm was up against a competing bid by DCCLS Group, which was backed by Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte and Quebec billionaire Andre Desmarais.

To be clear, the NCC did not award a contract on Thursday. Instead, the board voted to negotiate. The plan must go through the federal approval process and more consultations before it's finalized.

Although it's still early days in the process, Melnyk said Thursday's news was even bigger than the day he bought the franchise in 2003. "Now,

more than ever, I believe (the new arena) will bring that Stanley Cup here sooner than you think," he said at the NCC headquarters.

NCC CEO Mark Kristmanson said the committee liked how the RendezVous group integrated the development into the city, building on the site's historic grid. The proposal includes five "distinct" neighbourhoods and uses the arena as the "economic driver," which also factored into the committee's decision.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, who had his first meeting as an NCC board member on Thursday, said he preferred the Sens bid all along.

About 8,000 people provided feedback following the consultations last January.

VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

Commission approves new site for memorial

The Memorial to Victims of Communism will officially be moved to the Garden of the Provinces and Territories.

The National Capital Commission unanimously approved the federal land use for the site west of the Confederation Boulevard garden on Thursday.

The decision follows public backlash to the former Conservative government's plan to put the memorial on land southwest of the Supreme Court of Canada. The current

Liberal government scrapped that proposal in December. If all the funding and agreements fall into place, the memorial should be installed in 2018.

The NCC is now left with trying to find a new home for the large, red cedar Twelve Points in a Classical Balance structure, which currently sits on that land. The area will be too cluttered with both structures on site, say NCC staff.

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U.S.-CANADA POLITICS LOCKING IN THE RELATIONSHIP From left: U.S. ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman; Catherine McKenna, minister of environment, climate change and Parks Canada; and Sally Jewell, U.S. secretary of the interior, cross a set of locks as they visit the Rideau Canal on Thursday following a bilateral meeting. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proff fears school lax on sex assault

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Experts accuse administration of no-show as well as silence



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

A law professor at Carleton University said she is frustrated by the silence from president Roseann Runte three days after an open letter accused the university of not taking campus sexual assault seriously.

The university is working on a draft policy on sexual violence after the Ontario government introduced Bill 132, which requires all post-secondary institutions in the province to develop their own.

At Carleton, the last meeting between university administration, unions and advocacy groups broke down when the school's representatives either left the

room or didn't bother to show up, said professor Dawn Moore.

It appears the groups involved remain divided on how the draft policy should be worded.

Moore co-signed the April 25 open letter, which called for the school to acknowledge rape culture exists on campus and for the new policy to put the needs of survivors of sexual assault first.

Runte has not replied, she said.

"I worry that this suggests that campus sexual violence is not high on her priority list. I worry that this suggests that those who have been named as stakeholders ... our opinions aren't seen as important or valid around this process," said Moore. "I think it's disrespectful."

Despite the setback, stakeholders will meet again May 4. Moore said she's not optimistic.

Shannon Mulligan, a sexual assault outreach co-ordinator at Carleton, said she left the last meeting feeling "powerless

and upset."

She said it was unfair that university administration was permitted to boycott the process and still have a say in how to develop the policy.

In a written statement on Thursday to the Carleton community, Runte said the university has a shared responsibility to engage in a dialogue "where all feel free to participate, while respecting the cultures, experiences and emotions of others."

"We are sincerely committed to achieving a Sexual Assault Policy that is reflective of our values, respectful of all parties, draws on best practices and expresses goals which contribute to making a better campus and world," her statement read.

"We will pursue the consultative process undertaken to date and commit to continuing conversations over the next few weeks and months until we achieve this policy."

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In search of faster internet

How fast is the Internet in your province? A new study by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority shows Internet speeds are typically much faster in Eastern Canada.

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

If you're looking for faster Internet in Canada, head east.

A report released Thursday by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) shows a marked disparity between the speed and quality of Internet access in eastern and western cities.

Boasting an average download speed of 22.3 megabits per second, Toronto topped the list, followed by Ottawa and Montreal. In contrast, Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg all landed in the bottom half of the rankings.

CIRA president Byron Holland said it's difficult to pinpoint exactly why Toronto is a better place to Netflix-and-chill than Edmonton, but he suspects the presence of Internet exchange points (IXPs) plays a role.

IXPs allow Internet service providers (ISPs) to connect with each other and major content

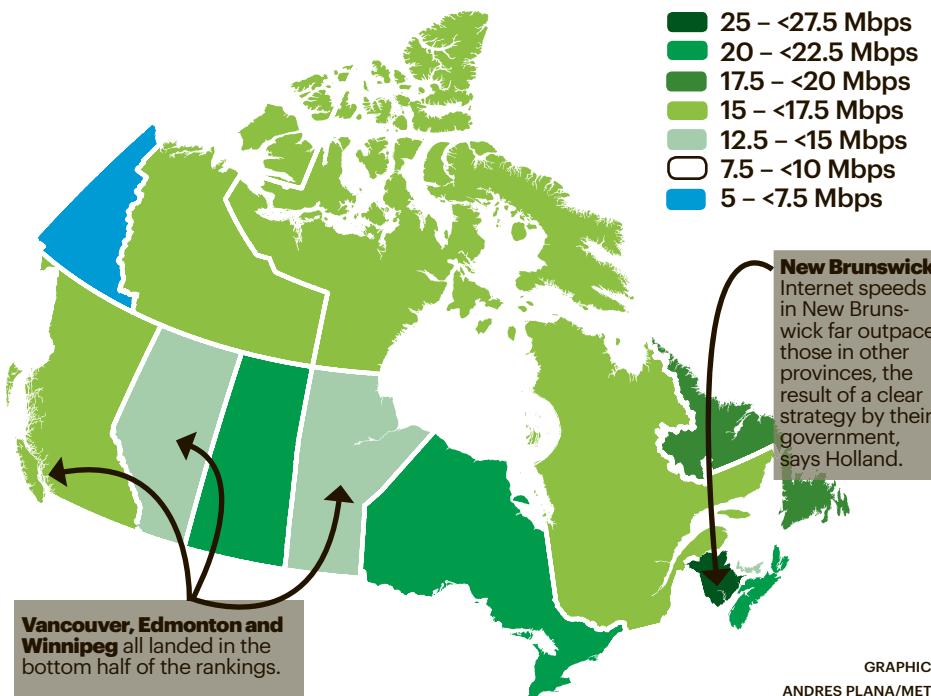
providers, like Google or Netflix, for example, to ensure faster connections between their networks. The country's largest IXP is located in Toronto, while those in cities like Calgary and Vancouver are just getting off the ground, Holland said.

"If you're in a city that doesn't have an IXP, then any Internet transactions you make, chances are they'll have to travel quite a distance before they get back to you," he said.

Rather than stoke western alienation, Holland hopes the results of the study will encourage residents in areas with poorer online performance to demand better from ISPs and the government.

Among the study's other findings was that Internet speeds in rural and northern Canada were 25 per cent slower than those in urban areas.

"It really demonstrates that people in rural communities are being left behind," said Fenwick McKelvey, a Concordia



University professor who studies Internet performance.

McKelvey said it's incumbent on the federal Liberals to create

a national broadband policy to address disparities in Internet quality and access.

"Prime Minister Justin Tru-

deau loves to talk about quantum computing, but he hasn't spoken much about everyday computing," he said.

TECHNOLOGY
Are you living in the fast lane?

Which cities have the best Internet in Canada? CIRA has ranked them all, listed from first to last. Is your city featured here?

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- **Ottawa**
- **Montreal**
- **Fredericton**
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- **Quebec City**
- **London**
- **St John's**
- **Mississauga**
- **Brampton**
- **Calgary**
- **Hamilton**
- **Halifax**
- **Markham**
- **Gatineau**
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IN BRIEF

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Women being turned away from full shelters

Group says library rule could be discriminatory
A new code of conduct that warns foul-smelling patrons or those "lingering aimlessly" won't be tolerated at the Kingston, Ont., public library may not stand. A group called Libraries are for Everyone says that while the new rules don't explicitly bar homeless or poor people from using the library, they will have that effect.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new report says women are crossing provincial borders to escape domestic violence — and many are being turned away from shelters that are full or overcrowded.

The third annual Shelter Voices survey from the Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses says eight of 10 shelters in the country have taken in a woman from a neighbouring province in the last year.

Those women will often go to another province for help to put as much geographical

distance as possible between themselves and an abusive partner or sometimes to be closer to family. They may then have to go to a shelter because relatives don't have space or resources to take them in.

Many find it difficult to find a spot in shelters, some of which are running at or over capacity.

The report says that on one day last year, 234 shelters had to turn away 305 women and children — almost three-quarters of the women and

children seeking shelter that day — because there was no space.

"The number of women being turned away is way beyond acceptable," said Lise Martin, the network's executive director.

in two years.

The federal budget promised \$89.9 million over two years to create or renovate 3,000 spaces. If half the money went to new spaces, it would mean two new shelters for every province and territories.

Statistics Canada's most recent report on domestic violence shelters found there were 12,058 spaces in 2014, up about five per cent from the 11,461 available in 2010. Promised federal spending in the sector would likely double that expansion rate

The money will move through provinces and territories under yet-to-be signed agreements with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., which already oversees a shelter improvement fund targeting on-reserve services.

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Serbia Merkel seeks Germany

REFUGEES

Newborn baby represents dreams for better life

She has wide brown eyes, rosy cheeks and thick black hair. Her name is Serbia Merkel al-Mustafa.

Serbia for the country where she was born just a few days ago, Merkel for the leader of Germany, where her Syrian refugee parents want to go in their desperate attempt to escape the war at home.

The al-Mustafa family is among hundreds of refugees stuck in Serbia after Austria and several Balkan nations shut their borders to migrants this winter. But the route that saw one million people reach Western Europe last year seems to be picking up in pace once again — and the family of four has high hopes of reaching their dream location soon.

"Inshallah, we will be in Germany one day," Jaafar, the proud father, said Thursday as he caressed his tiny daughter's



A baby named Serbia Merkel Al Mustafa sleeps in the "Krnjaca" collective centre, in Belgrade, Serbia on Thursday. Serbia for the country where she was born just a few days ago, Merkel for the German leader where her Syrian refugee parents want to go. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cheeks inside a cramped room with bunk beds at a drab refugee camp near Belgrade, the Serbian capital.

"We walked across mountains, nearly drowned in the rough seas," Jaafar said, holding the baby as mother Rasmayah tenderly watched after leaving a Belgrade maternity hospital

just a day before. "Nothing will stop us now."

Serbia Merkel is just one of many who have been born during the largest exodus into Europe since World War II. And she is not the only one named after Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, for her welcoming policies toward migrants from



Serbia Merkel and her family are among hundreds of migrants stuck in Serbia after the closure of the Balkan route for passage to more prosperous European nations.

DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

But since the closure of the Balkan migration route and a European Union deal with Turkey to deport some migrants back there, things have gone sour for the migrants. Thousands have been stuck in Greece, many camping in appalling conditions on the border with Macedonia, and thousands more have been forced to turn to human traffickers.

Jaafar al-Mustafa, a 27-year-old who walks with a metal cane, thinks Macedonian police let them into the country from Greece because they felt pity for the family that also included 20 month-old Sarah and his heavily pregnant wife, 23-year-old Rasmayah.

"We have walked most of the way to Serbia," he said. "My wife started getting pains while walking. Lucky we made it to here before she started giving birth."

The migrants stuck in Serbia, including many children, are trying to figure out how to proceed deeper into Europe. Most hope to cross into Hungary and then Austria, despite those governments' tough stances toward refugees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRINCE

Police look into overdose report

Investigators are looking into whether Prince died from a drug overdose and whether a doctor was prescribing him drugs in the weeks before he was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis.



Prince
GETTY IMAGES

A law enforcement official said Thursday that among the things investigators are looking at is whether a doctor was on a plane that made an emergency landing in Illinois less than a week before Prince died.

The official said investigators are looking at whether Prince overdosed on the plane and whether an overdose killed him, and at what kind of drugs were involved.

Prince died April 21. An autopsy has been performed, but results weren't expected for three to four weeks.

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U.S. ELECTION

Donald Trump mocked over 'woman's card' comment

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's claim that Hillary Clinton is playing "the woman's card" has drawn intense backlash, from the Democratic front-runner herself as well as tens of thousands of critics on social media.

"If fighting for women's health care and paid family leave and equal pay is playing the 'woman card,' then deal me in," Clinton said in Philadelphia as she celebrated wins in four out of five of Tuesday's Democratic primaries.

Trump had levelled the

"woman's card" accusation Tuesday after his own five-state primary sweep.

"She's playing that card like I've never seen anyone play it before," Trump said on NBC's Today Thursday.

"All I'm doing is bringing out the obvious, that with-

out the woman's card, Hillary would not even be a viable person to even run for a city council position."

Trump's remarks prompted social media hashtags like #dealmein and #womancard, the latter ranking among the top 10 global trending topics

on Twitter Wednesday, with more than 45,000 tweets by late afternoon.

Voters also circulated video of Mary Pat Christie, the wife of Trump backer and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who stood behind Trump during his victory speech Tuesday

and looked as though she was rolling her eyes as he made those comments.

The exchange highlights Trump's perilous standing among female voters who could help propel Clinton to the White House.

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Tablet sales are tanking

TECHNOLOGY

But devices still remain popular among consumers

Consumers have officially fallen out of love with tablets and are having their heads turned by larger smartphones and more powerful 2-in-1 devices instead.

Everyone laughed when Microsoft unveiled the first Surface Pro and claimed that the future was in touchscreen PCs, not tablets. But the latest data from Strategy Analytics, published Thursday, shows that Microsoft was clearly on to something.

In the first quarter of 2016, global tablet sales fell a further 10 percent. Just 46.5 million devices were shipped — the lowest recorded amount in more than three years. Apple, Samsung and Lenovo have all seen the

popularity of their devices slide, yet at the same time, devices running Windows are on the upswing.

Shipments grew 82 per cent year-on-year and now these tablets — essentially touchscreen PCs — have a 13 percent market share, which is impressive considering that the iPad's share is currently 22 percent.

On Wednesday, IDC's latest figures regarding the health of the global smartphone market showed that popularity is still growing — 334.9 million devices were shipped during the first quarter of 2016 — but at a slower rate.

IDC attributes it to saturation. The smartphone is officially ubiquitous and the typical handset now sports a display on par with a compact tablet. This move from phone to phablet is also helping to make the traditional tablet obsolete as a device.

But, according to Strategy Analytics, there is still life in

46.5M

The number of devices shipped in the first quarter of 2016. This is the lowest amount recorded in more than three years.



In the first quarter of 2016, global tablet sales fell a further 10 percent. However, there is hope in the form of 2-in-1 devices and hybrids. iSTOCK

the tablet market when it comes to premium devices like the iPad Pro and the Surface Pro.

"The key for Apple and major Android and Windows vendors will be how aggressively

they pursue the enterprise and prosumer markets with their 2-in-1 Tablets, which is still a growing segment," said Peter King, Strategy Analytics Research Director, Tablet & Touchscreen Strategies service.

The company believes that consumers and companies alike are going to start snapping up 2-in-1s and hybrid devices, but that means that notebook PCs are going to be shunned instead. AFP

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GAMING

Days of consoles may be numbered

Sony may be back in profit thanks to strong demand for its latest-generation PlayStation and its assorted games. However, the days of the dedicated games console look to be numbered.

The majority of U.S. and European homes currently have a PlayStation or Xbox nestled under the television but according to Parks Associates, fewer than 50 per cent of US homes will still have one by 2019.

"Game consoles remain one of the key elements of the connected home, but other devices are gaining importance, including smart TVs and streaming media players," said Brett Sappington, Senior Research Director, Parks Associates.

Gaming has never been more popular among consumers of all ages and genders. However, people are becoming more and more likely to reach for a smartphone or even the controller for a set top box. According to Flurry Analytics, the average smartphone owner spends 33 minutes a day just on gaming. AFP

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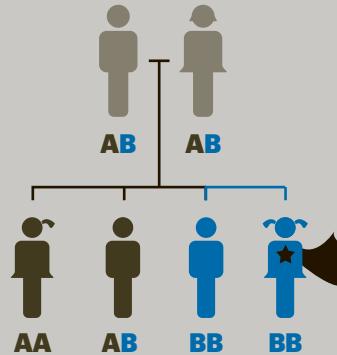
SNEAKY SELFIES
Motion-sensor cameras are being set up around the world to peek at what animals do when no people are around.

DECODED Genetic superheroes

THE MUTANTS LIVE AMONG US

Forget the X-Men. There are real-life superheroes (two kinds!) all around us. Some have genes that give them special powers to rival The Avengers. Others have mutations that should have given them ghastly diseases, but they're fine. **Why? No one knows (yet).** But these freaks of nature — in the best sense — might hold the keys to treating some of the trickiest medical conditions we know of.

13 MYSTERY MUTANTS



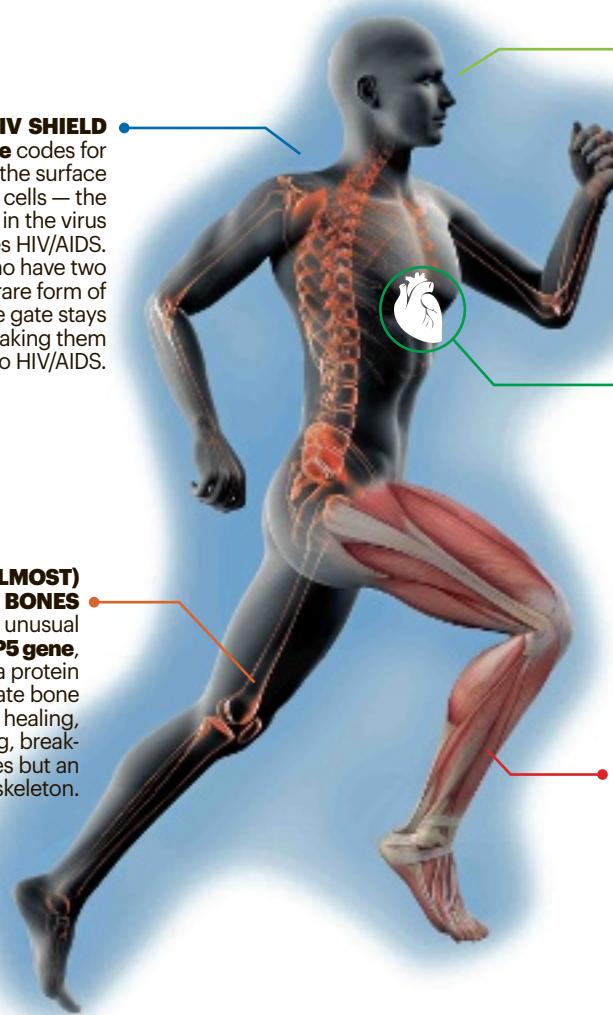
Researchers sifted through the **DNA profiles of 589,306 people** and cross-referenced them with medical records. After checking and re-checking, they found 13 people who had the genes for severe genetic disorders but no disease.

Consider the family above: Both parents are carriers of the lung disease cystic fibrosis (CF). One of their children got both the bad (B) genes and therefore CF. Another kid got the exact same genes but is perfectly healthy.

Nobody knows how these super-humans pulled this off, but scientists think some might have another mutation that counteracts the first.

HIV SHIELD
The **CCR5 gene** codes for a protein on the surface of white blood cells — the gate that lets in the virus that causes HIV/AIDS. In people who have two copies of a rare form of this gene, the gate stays closed — making them resistant to HIV/AIDS.

(ALMOST) UNBREAKABLE BONES
People with an unusual change to the **LRP5 gene**, which creates a protein that helps regulate bone development and healing, have super-strong, break-resistant bones but an otherwise normal skeleton.



SUPER-COLOUR VISION
Several genes on the X-chromosome code for light-sensitive proteins in the cone cells of our eyes. A tiny number of women with a mutation that causes them to have an extra type of cone might be able to distinguish colours the rest of us can't.

LONG LIFE
It's theoretical at this point, but a small group of people who lived to a ripe old age with very few health problems share a rare form of the **COL25A1 gene**, which is involved in the development of the brain plaques that plague people with Alzheimer's.

POWERFUL MUSCLES
Some changes to the **LMNA gene** cause devastating changes to muscle development and cell division. But one mutation is a mixed blessing: it can cause dangerously high levels of blood fats but also a super-lean, muscled physique. Canadian Olympic hurdler Priscilla Lopes-Schliep famously has this trait.

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FINDINGS Your week in science



ROAD RAGE RESEARCH

Psychiatrists at McGill University have found that incorrigible drunk drivers and serial speeders have different personalities and hormonal responses to stress than people who pass politely on the highway.

AMAZING AMAZON

Where the mouth of the mighty Amazon river meets the Atlantic lies a previously unexplored underwater world. It's a coral reef system with "the most amazing and colourful animals," according to study author Patricia Yager — and it's already under threat from ocean acidification and oil exploration.

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PRION DISEASE



DEFINITION

Prions are rogue proteins that take on an abnormal shape and force other, healthy proteins to do the same, leading to **prion diseases**. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (**mad cow disease**) is a contagious prion disease.

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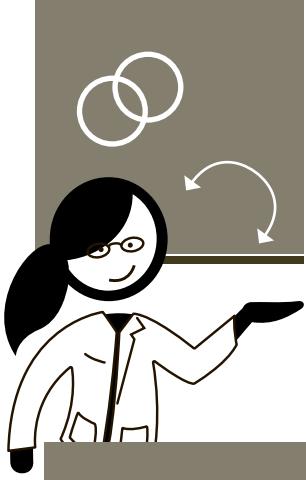
"Some reindeer in Bruce's herd are looking very thin. I hope they haven't got CWD, that contagious, fatal **prion disease** that has mysteriously broken out in Norway."

PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Should I be scared of sunscreen?



How do I choose a relatively chemical-free sunscreen? — Anna, Winnipeg

Thank you for this question! This is my favourite topic ever!

First: All sunscreens contain chemicals (also, everything is a chemical). I know that what you mean is active ingredients.

Sunscreen protects against sun damage, and sun damage causes skin cancer. Just five bad sunburns in your teens increase your risk by 80 per cent. (Oops).

Maybe you always stay in the shade wearing a hat, long shirt and pants over your swimsuit. No? Then every time you forego sunscreen, you take a risk.

So. Let's talk "chemicals." Sunblocks (often marketed as "natural") contain nanoparticles of zinc or titanium. They're a bit pasty and they physically block sunlight. There's very little research on nanoparticles' health effects, but no indication that they're dangerous or unhealthy.

Conventional sunscreens con-

tain chemicals that absorb UV light. Oxybenzone is the one people freak out about. There's not much research, but oxybenzone seems to disrupt sex hormones — at least, in rats that ate the equivalent of a 150-pound person drinking 10 bottles of SPF 60 sunscreen per day.

In a more realistic study, there was no significant difference in hormones among people who were slathered with concentrated oxybenzone cream for four days, compared to controls.

We don't know much about the long-term risks and benefits of sunscreen. Who remembers what kind of sunscreen, and how much, they were using in 1979?

Living scientifically is all about making the best choices we can with the evidence at hand.

I think the risk of skin cancer outweighs the hypothetical risks of chemicals. Just use sunscreen. It doesn't matter what kind.

Science Question?
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Substance on top of a smile

CAREER

Julia Roberts' work shows she likes biting into meaty movie roles

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Julia Roberts is one of the biggest female movie stars of all time.

With a career box office north of \$2 billion, she and her megawatt smile were the stuff of blockbusters throughout the '90s and early 2000s.

She was everywhere, and then, somewhere around the time Jennifer Lawrence was celebrating her 13th birthday, Roberts stepped away. Not completely, but she jumped off the Hollywood treadmill, doing what movie stars who have nothing left to prove do.

That is, whatever she wanted. She stayed out of view, voicing a couple of animated movies and popping up in the occasional film, some high profile — like the ensemble of Ocean's Twelve; some not, like Fireflies in the Garden — but the days of solo Pretty Woman-esque success were, by her own choosing, behind her.

By and large, her choices became a bit more eclectic as she relied less on

the famous smile and more on flexing her acting muscles.

Since 2004's Closer her filmography has been splintered between crowd-pleasers like Eat Pray Love, dramas like August: Osage County and misfires like Secret in Their Eyes.

This weekend she's back working with Garry Marshall, the director who helped make her famous. She's starring in Mother's Day, her fourth collaboration.

The pair make a movie roughly every 10 years, from 1990's Pretty Woman to Runaway Bride in 1999 to 2010's Valentine's Day to this year's entry, and their combo usually delivers big box office.

In between the commercial films she makes with Marshall, Roberts makes a movie a year. While they haven't always connected with audiences, many are worth a look.

Duplicity is a romantic comedy about espionage. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day starred in Mission Impossible. Instead you have Roberts as an experienced CIA officer looking for a change and Clive Owen as a charming MI6 agent.

Both left the world of international intrigue for the infinitely more profitable task of corporate security. Together they launch an elaborate plan of corporate dirty tricks to steal a top-secret formula that will revolutionize the cosmetics industry.

Roberts and Owen are witty and



Roberts jumped off the Hollywood treadmill, doing what movie stars who have nothing left to prove do.

charming and Duplicity, with its entertaining performances and stylish look, is a bit of fun despite its convoluted story.

August: Osage County, an all-star remounting of Tracy Letts's hit Broadway play, gives Roberts her juiciest role in years. As Barbara she's a bit of an enigma. She's a jumble of mixed, complicated emotions, capable of both great kindness and compassion but able only to express herself through tough love.

When she explodes she lets loose a lifetime of rage stemming from her mother's (played by Meryl Streep) mistreatment. When they go head-to-head it is the clash of the titans and an unforgettable scene.

Finally, there's Larry Crowne, a boomer comedy aimed at audiences with memories long enough to remember when gas only cost 54 cents a litre, none of your neighbours had foreclosure signs on their front lawns and Tom Hanks and Roberts ruled the box office.

It's an uplifting comedy about middle age, brave enough to tackle modern problems like downsizing and foreclosure, but non-challenging enough to weave all the bad stuff into a pseudo romantic comedy. Hanks and Roberts cut through the material like hot knives through butter and Julia treats audiences to one of her trademarked laughing scenes.



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mother's Day	★★
Keanu	★★★
Ratchet & Clank	★★
Green Room	★★★★
Precious Cargo	★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
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Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman, her first collaboration with Garry Marshall. She now stars in a new movie of his: Mother's Day. PRETTY WOMAN HANDOUT

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INTERVIEW

Tension thrived on Green Room set**Patrick Stewart**, centre, in a scene from **Green Room**.

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Trapped inside the tiny set of Green Room, seven actors were slowly losing their minds as they stared at the carnage before them.

One cast member was writhing on the floor in agony while the others paced the space, which doubled as the cramped backstage stage of a neo-Nazi club.

Blood was pouring everywhere and the tension was becoming so thick the film's script supervisor broke down in tears. "That world is so potent," says actor Anton Yelchin, reflecting on the experience of making the gritty thriller with a small film crew.

"There's 15 people in an enclosed room with smoke pumped into it. It's very emotionally draining."

Yelchin — known for his role as Chekov in the latest Star Trek movies — was at the centre of the action playing a member of a punk band that unexpectedly witnesses a grisly murder.

Boxed into a music venue's green room, the group begins a desperate fight for their lives.

Patrick Stewart, a fellow Star Trek alum and leader of the captors, says he could feel the intensity inside the room — even though his role is played out-

side, separate from most of the violence.

Director Jeremy Saulnier says the challenge of Green Room was making each moment seem like an act of desperation.

"The pitbulls, the stunts, the shotguns ... that was the easy part," Saulnier says. "The hardest part was keeping this movie hyper intense."

Saulnier says he grappled with his own career direction in the aftermath of his previous film Blue Ruin, which caught the attention of Hollywood executives with its explosive moments of violence rippling through the suspense. They wanted the indie filmmaker to helm their own big-budget projects with a similar bent.

But instead of taking the bait, as he puts it, Saulnier tackled a challenging project that appealed to him personally.

Green Room is based on a script he wrote and pays homage to his roots as a teenage filmmaker who raced around with his friends shooting footage on a camcorder for the pure love of it.

"The movies we made were like goofy zombie comedies or violent cop movies," he said.

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The trebled history of the saxophone

THE DEVIL'S HORN

Documentary looks at instrument's bizarre history

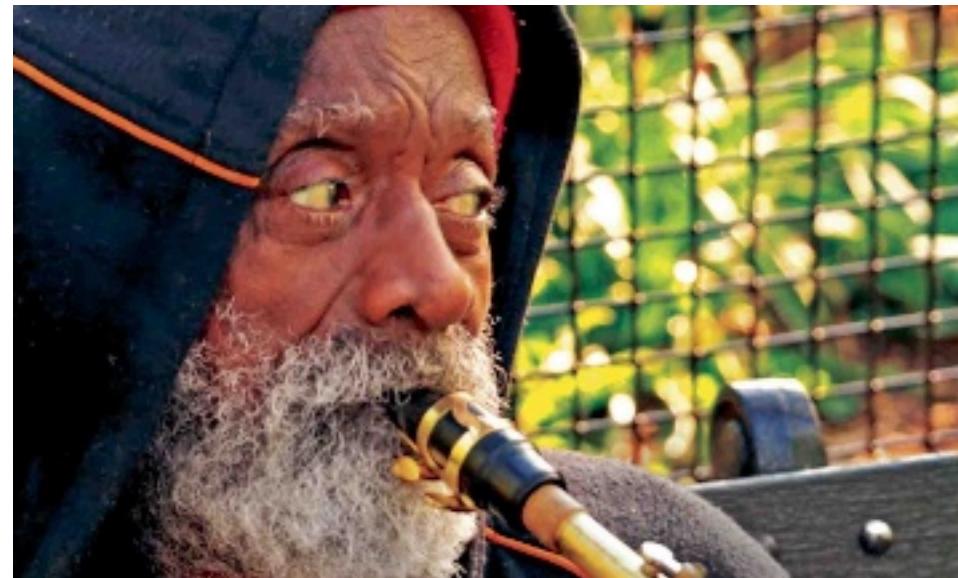
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The sexy and seductive sound of the saxophone is as close to the cooing voice of a loved one as any instrument can be. Yet, for that very reason the instrument has had a long and storied past ripe with more intrigue than any James Patterson thriller. In the new documentary The Devil's Horn director Larry Weinstein walks us through the sax's wild, woolly and supposedly cursed history.

"It is one of these things where truth is stranger than fiction," he says. "Certainly the life of (inventor) Adolphe Sax is terribly bizarre. From the near deaths he had as a child to the jealousy of instrument makers who actually tried to kill him, twice, and burn down his factory, it looks entirely fictionalized but everything we say about him is true. Then he got this cancerous growth that was so large he couldn't eat or drink or breathe. By the time he was ready to come back to work his patents had run out. He died in total poverty."

The idea of the cursed instrument seems to have originated with its inventor. "Adolphe Sax himself had this dream that devils with saxophones were pulling people to hell."

The movie describes how sax icons Charlie 'Bird' Parker, John Coltrane and many other play-

**The Devil's Horn** features interviews with jazz musician Giuseppe Logan. CONTRIBUTED

ers of the "devil's instrument" battled heroin addiction, creating sounds so carnal and voluptuous they were outlawed by everyone from the Nazis (who banned the sax from the Earth) to the Vatican. Movie studios barred it from soundtracks and it put the sex in sex, drugs and rock n' roll.

"I always thought when they talked about it sounding like a human voice they meant the timbre of the saxophone. Like the human voice, the sax has alto, tenor, soprano and bass, but I think it also has to do with the fact that it can bend and growl, that it can moan and weave around seductively. Also, you can play with so little air it can whisper but it can also scream and be much louder than most of the other brass instruments."

Of course the horn and its players aren't truly cursed but Weinstein says, "other instru-

**Filmmaker Larry Weinstein.** CONTRIBUTED

Giuseppe Logan, Weinstein gets past that catchy concept to make a compelling case for the sax as more than a symbol of depravity and immorality and Mr. Sax as "one of the greatest geniuses in the history of music."

"The problem with the saxophone is you pick it up, blow into it and there is a beautiful rich sound right away. Adolphe Sax made it so people who can't play well sound good. That's the genius of the guy. All other instruments evolved out of other instruments. This guy, in about 1840 said, 'I want to make an instrument with this sound and I'm going to have to make it brass and give it the mouthpiece of a clarinet and the fingerboard of a flute.' And he invented it. Most people if they looked at an 1846 saxophone they would think it looked like a modern saxophone and the sound is almost the same."

mentalists have those problems and they exist in classical music too, but for some reason not to the extent that saxophonists have suffered."

Using a mix of archival footage and new interviews with musicians like Colin Stetson and

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Ottawa's merry month

Among the most iconic images of modern-day Ottawa are the mass plantings of tulips along the Rideau Canal and Dow's Lake. Coinciding with the thousands of blooms each year is the Canadian Tulip Festival. This year's free celebration of blooming bulbs blends old and new.

For the first time, many of the festival's activities take place in and around the Aberdeen Pavilion at newly renovated Lansdowne Park. From May 12th to the 23rd, the Pavilion will host events, art displays and live performances, as well as international beer, wine and cuisine. The Festival also presents many



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activities at its traditional location in Commissioners Park, adjacent to Dow's Lake. From Doo Doo the clown, buskers and live music, to workshops on painting (Gordon Harrison) and photography (Janice Street), there's something for everyone, including fireworks to open and close the Festival.

This year's Festival also celebrates its roots. In 1945, the Dutch royal family sent 100,000 tulip bulbs to Ottawa in gratitude — Canada sheltered Princess Juliana and her daughters during the Nazi occupation. In addition, Canadian troops played a leading role in the liberation of Holland. To honour this history,

a group of re-enactors and vintage Second World War vehicles will take over the Great Lawn at Lansdowne Park on the weekend of May 14-15.

There is much more to May in Ottawa than tulips, of course. Another major highlight is Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend May 27-29. Canada's largest running race will feature nearly 50,000 participants from around the world, many competing in one of two Gold-label International Amateur Athletic Federation events — a marathon and 10K. The event also features concerts at Ottawa City Hall's Festival Plaza by a long list of artists, including Michel Pagliaro and Hollerado. Visit runottawa.ca for more information.

Fans of Star Trek will want to beam in to a special experience opening May 13 at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum. The Starfleet Academy Experience provides a glimpse of the modern science behind the popular television shows and movies. Learn why tricorders, warp drive and teleportation — all elements of the original 1960s program — are no longer as far-fetched as they once seemed.

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Menopause The Musical: A Perfect Mother's Day Gift

After selling out 47 shows last fall, Menopause The Musical is returning to Ottawa June 8 to delight audiences once again.

"It's great to be coming back to our nation's capital," says producer Mark Zimmerman. "We've been touring Canada since the day we left."

Menopause The Musical — The Hilarious Celebration of Women & The Change, features No. 1 hits from the '60s '70s and '80s with lyrics changed to mirror each character's passage into the "change of life."

"It's laugh-out-loud and brilliantly funny, and women just love the show. They leave with their faces hurting from laughing, smiling and grinning from ear to ear. They see themselves, each other, and understand perfectly what everyone in the audience is going through," says Zimmerman. "And it should be rated as 'Man-datory Viewing for Men' because men learn so much about what their partner's going through, and have a blast too."

The cast includes four stellar leading ladies: Janet Martin, Nicole Robert, Jenny Hall and Michelle E. White, who continually make fun of their hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, wrinkles, not enough sex, too much sex, chocolate binges, and a whole lot more.

The fun begins the minute you walk into the theatre. You're welcomed into the Mood Swing Lounge, which features specialty drinks such as Estro-Gin & Tonic, Mood Swing Martini's, Menopositans, and Hot Flash Meno-Shots, and you can take them to your seats,



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This Mother's Day, give her the gift of hilarity, laughter and joy by purchasing tickets to Menopause The Musical. You can also treat mom to the upgraded VIP Experience — which includes the very best seats, a meet-and-greet with the cast, and photo opp after the show, plus a free "2-for-1 dinner entrée" valid at one of five fine restaurants in Little Italy.

Menopause The Musical returns to Gladstone Theatre June 8 for a limited run. With just over 200 seats, it's sure to sell out once again.

See it for the first time or come love it again. For tickets, visit thegladstone.ca or call 1-866-447-7849.

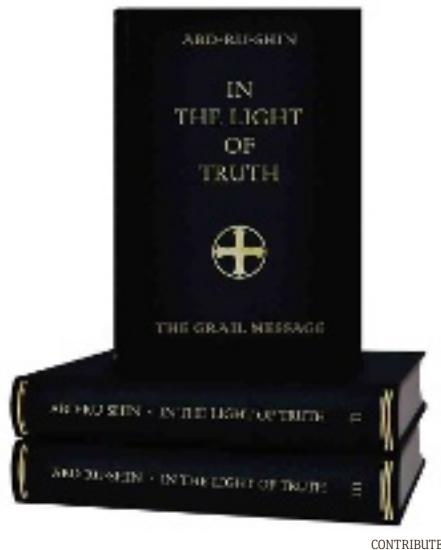


Learn more about the Grail Message

Anyone interested in new perspectives on life and life's fundamental questions are invited to two events in Ottawa on May 6 and 7.

The events are opportunities to learn more about the Grail Message, a non-denominational and non-political philosophy of Oskar Ernst Bernhardt (Abd-ru-shin) and his groundbreaking book *In the Light of Truth*. The philosophy charts a path for a conscious life and considers essential matters such as the purpose of our existence.

The theme of Friday's session (7 p.m., May 6 at Sandy Hill Community Centre) is enduring sorrow. It will consider such questions as: What is the cause and origin of human suffering and pain? Are some people just unlucky victims of a sad fate? Why, despite our best efforts, does suffering often continue unabated? The lecture, as well as the question-and-answer session that follows, will look at suffering from a new perspective, one that sheds light on the true nature of sorrow and that offers hope to the oppressed.



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The theme of Saturday's session, (1:30 p.m., May 7 at Greenboro Community Centre) is enduring joy. It will consider whether there is such a thing as genuine and lasting happiness. It will also consider whether moments of true joy are fleeting experiences — to be forever yearned for and pursued — or whether they can be worked toward with understanding and confidence. Each event is expected to last about 90 minutes and admission costs \$5.

Ottawa Little Theatre presents an award-winning thriller

Ottawa Little Theatre's latest play is an intriguing thriller set in cottage country. The Mouse House runs May 3 to 21 with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and a 2:00 p.m. matinée on Sunday, May 15.

The play tells the story of a best-selling author who sets out to complete his latest book alone at his family's remote cottage. His plan to insulate himself from the distractions of the outside world is soon shattered, however, when an intruder — unaware that the cottage is occupied — breaks in. What ensues is a battle of wits with more sudden twists and turns than a roller coaster.

Written by Robert Ainsworth, the play debuted at the Peterborough Theatre Guild in 2012 and consistently drew standing ovations from audiences and positive reviews from critics.

It went on to win awards from both the Theatre Ontario Festival and the Eastern Ontario Drama League.

Born to a family of eight children in Birmingham, England, Robert Ainsworth immigrated to Ontario more than 35 years ago. He started in theatre as an actor before



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moving on to directing and writing. Ainsworth describes his writing style as character based: "Most of the time I don't know what's going to happen in the play; I let the characters take me there. Very often, I'm just as surprised as anyone by what happens." There's no doubt that audiences have enjoyed where Ainsworth's characters end up. For more information, visit ottawalittletheatre.com.

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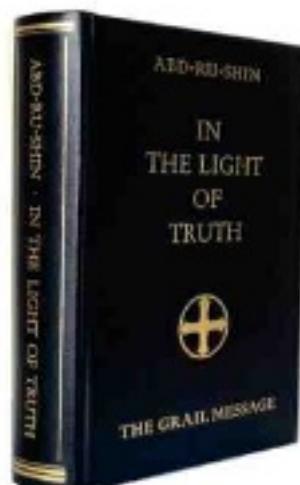
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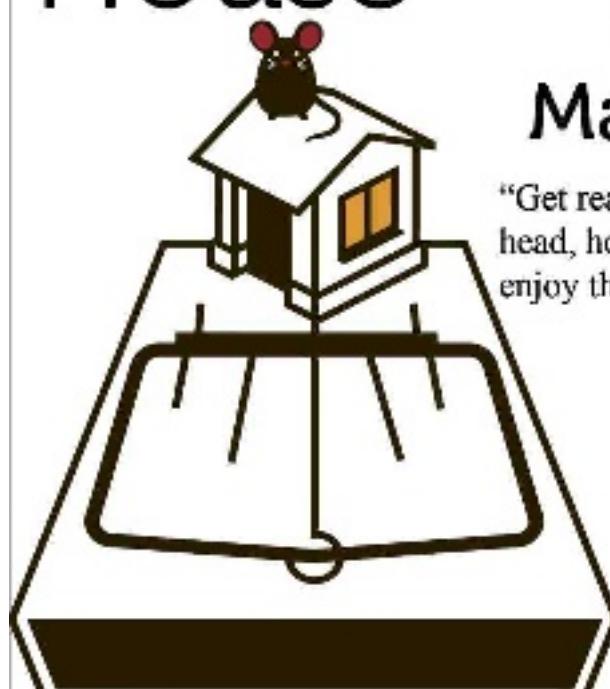
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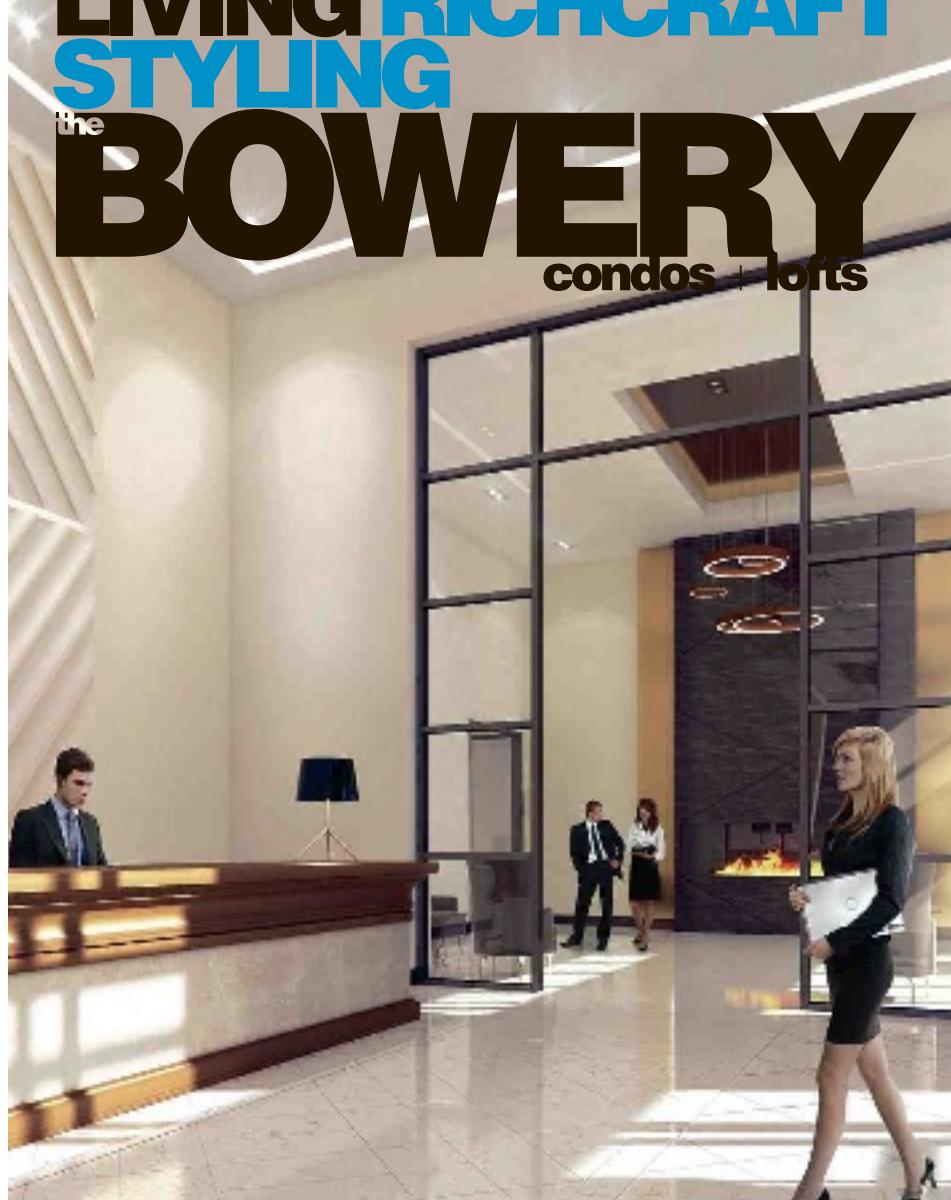


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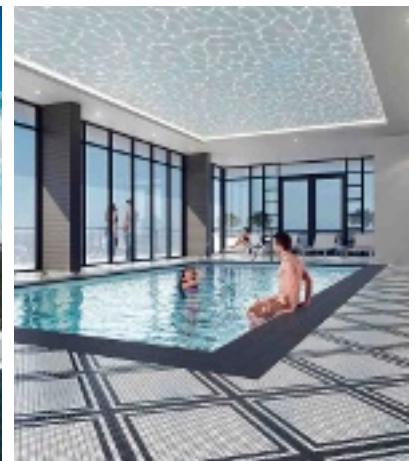
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The building and its condos are a mixture of New York pizzazz crossed with old-style Ottawa panache.

Centretown's revitalization has been stirring up the neighbourhood in recent years.

From the sidewalk, The Bowery Condos channels this old-meets-new esthetic. Its post industrial revivalist architecture features a timeless façade of brownstone brick and steel, giving the 18-storey development memorable street presence.

The amenities are equally edgy, starting at the top: the Bowery Condos features an eye-popping rooftop pool and lounge with a floor-to-ceiling glass wall and spectacular

views beyond.

It's all part of The Bowery's ClubB, the development's collection of stylish amenities. The state-of-the-art fitness centre offers residents access to the latest in cardio, strength training and stretch equipment.

The party room, equipped with a catering kitchen and bar, a private dining area and swanky lounge-inspired design, gives residents the ability to host private parties in a larger space.

Condo interiors are just as distinctive, with floor-to-ceiling glass and two-storey loft units. All condos feature fine finishings including hardwood throughout, quartz counters and European appliances.

Accessibility to transit and the rest of the city is a very important part of the development's design and intention. The Bowery will be steps from the future Lyon Street LRT Station.

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You had us at cattle drive

FORT WORTH

Former frontier town comes of age

We've lined Exchange Ave. in the Stockyards National Historic District to see modern-day cowboys at work in the heartland of the city.

Here they come at 11:30 a.m. sharp — five men and a lone woman sitting tall on American quarter horses and dressed all 1880s style in chaps and vests.

But we mostly have eyes for the 16 Texas Longhorns they're "driving."

They're as gorgeous as cattle get, what with dramatic horns and mixed colouring.

"These guys have run a couple of times and it's frightening," whispers trail boss Kristin Jaworski. "We want them to go as slow as possible. Nice and calm."

This is more like a walking of the steers than a Pamplona-style running of the bulls. We're told to stand on the sidewalks, probably so we can make a quick getaway if the castrated male cows suddenly go wild.

Exchange Ave., which has been temporarily blocked to traffic, quickly reverts to normal.

The trick is to come early and chat up the "cowboys" who are playing drovers. That's the



In Texas, you go big or go home. The twice-a-day cattle drive down Exchange Avenue is a case in point. Right: Woodshed Smokehouse's Mexican corn. FORT WORTH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU; WOODSHED SMOKEHOUSE

name for the diverse group of people — men, women, African Americans, Native Americans, Mexican vaqueros (cowboys) — that drove Texas Longhorns from South Texas to Kansas along the Chisholm Trail during the cattle drive era of the late 1800s.

Fort Worth, you had me at cattle drive. And then there's the Stockyards National Historic District, 15 blocks of Old West meets Wild West meets Truly Texas.

This former frontier town

won't be standing in the shadow of Dallas, Austin and San Antonio for much longer.

It's carving its niche as the "City of Cowboys and Culture." To me, it means you can watch a concert at Panther Island Pavilion while floating on inner tubes. The city has an ambitious Trinity River Vision project to create an entire waterfront community.

At the Stockyards Stables, grad student Lacey Jensen saddles up horses for us, just steps

from Exchange Ave. We head out through a hotel parking lot, across a busy street and along the Old Chisholm Trail.

"You can ride your horse down here and eat at a restaurant, which is pretty crazy," Jensen confides.

Be sure to stay at the Stockyards Hotel. Bonnie and Clyde were guests in 1933 and their actual room is booked months in advance. This hotel oozes Old West charm and the rooms open with old-fashioned keys instead

of swipe cards. You'll find earplugs beside your bed.

"Sometimes it gets pretty wild around here and the walls are thin," advises front desk staffer Erik Chipman.

The earplugs are officially called "cowboy silencers" — the cure for loud cowboys."

JENNIFER BAIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jennifer Bain was hosted by the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, which didn't review or approve this story.

TO-DO LIST

Loud music

There's music everywhere, starting at Chief Records in the Stockyards. I caught ticketed shows at Billy Bob's Texas and the Live Oak Music Hall & Lounge.

Fast cars

The Texas Motor Speedway complex boasts the world's largest high-def video board nicknamed Big Hoss.

Good eats

I was wowed by chef Tim Love's Woodshed Smokehouse, where "new Q" means lamb brisket, smoked Texas peanuts with chili salt, "today's animal," and brisket-stuffed piquillo peppers with bone broth.



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RAPTORS BACK TO INDIANAPOLIS

Coach Casey has his players treating Game 6 as a must-win

The Toronto Raptors have played like two different teams at times in their first-round NBA playoff series against the Indiana Pacers.

There was the squad that looked bewildered in Games 1 and 4, and there was the team that resembled the side that won 56 regular-season games in Games 2 and 3. Game 5 had a bit of everything — a brutal start, flashes of brilliance, frequent lulls, a stirring comeback and a nailbiting finish as the Raptors barely hung on for the win.

Now armed with a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, head coach Dwane Casey will have his players treat Friday's Game 6 as if it's a must-win contest.

"We can't go and get ambushed," Casey said. "We've got to go in with our high-beams on, laser-like focus from the start of the game to the end of the game."

An Indiana win at Bankers Life Fieldhouse

would put the pressure squarely on the Raptors, who do not exactly have a glowing playoff history. Toronto made its first post-season appearance in 2000 and has been eliminated in the first round on six of seven occasions.

The Raptors' lone second-round appearance came in 2001 after they beat the New York Knicks in a best-of-five series. Toronto was swept out of the first round by the Washington Wizards last year and fell in seven games to the Brooklyn Nets in 2014.

"What happened two years ago is in the past. As well, what happened last year is in the past,"

said Raptors forward Patrick Patterson.

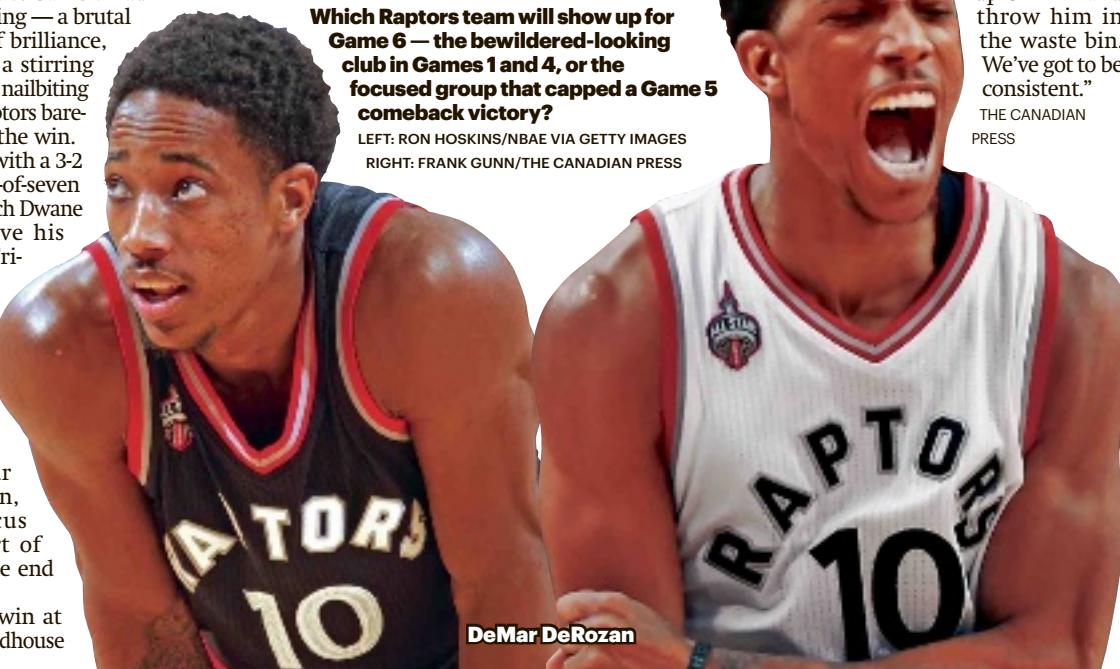
"So to think about it, to dwell on it, none of us really do that. We're focused on this opportunity that we have now with this new team, these new faces, this new coaching staff and this brand new opportunity."

The players seemed loose and relaxed during a lunch-hour practice session at BioSteel Centre on Thursday afternoon before their flight to Indianapolis. Game 7, if necessary, would be played Sunday at Air Canada Centre.

Several Toronto players have taken a turn in the spotlight over the first five games.

Which Raptors team will show up for Game 6 — the bewildered-looking club in Games 1 and 4, or the focused group that capped a Game 5 comeback victory?

LEFT: RON HOSKINS/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES
RIGHT: FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



DeMar DeRozan

Toronto centre Jonas Valanciunas posted strong numbers as the Raptors split the first two games at home. All-star guards DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry rebounded after slow starts to help Toronto take Game 3 while forward Bismack Biyombo was one of the few bright spots in a Game 4 loss.

Biyombo, DeRozan and rookie Norman Powell helped the Raptors complete a comeback win at home in Game 5 to regain control of the series.

"One night, one guy might not have it," Casey said. "But that doesn't mean you give up on him and throw him in the waste bin. We've got to be consistent."

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MLB

Arrieta wins 16th straight decision

Jake Arrieta's bid for a second straight no-hitter ended after five pitches but the Cubs ace still went on to win his 16th straight decision, leading Chicago over the Milwaukee Brewers 7-2 Thursday.

Arrieta (5-0) allowed one run, three hits and four walks in five innings — the first run he allowed at Wrigley Field since July 25. Alex Presley's fifth-inning RBI double ended Arrieta's home scoreless streak at 52-2/3 innings, four outs shy of Ray Herbert's major-league record set with the Chicago White Sox in 1962-63.

Arrieta's streak of consecutive winning decisions is the longest since Jose Contreras of the White Sox won 17 in a row from August 2005 to July 2006, according to STATS. Chicago has won in Arrieta's last 18 starts,

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a team record.

Chicago improved to 16-5, its best 21-game start since opening 1907 at 17-4. The Cubs' Kris Bryant left in the fifth after rolling his right ankle while running the bases two innings earlier.

Ben Zobrist hit a two-run single in the first off Taylor Jungmann (0-4), who gave up five runs, six hits and three walks in 3-2/3 innings as his ERA rose to 9.15. David Ross hit a solo home run onto Waveland Avenue in the second.

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IN BRIEF

Broken hand forces Woods out of Giro d'Italia

Canadian cyclist Michael Woods will miss the Giro d'Italia with a broken hand.

The 29-year-old from Ottawa broke his hand in three places Sunday with some 20 kilometres to go in the Liege-Bastogne-Liege, the third of the Ardennes Classics one-day races in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Woods had finished 12th on April 20 at La Fleche-Wallonne, the second of the three races. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raiders owner willing to bet big for Vegas move

Raiders owner Mark Davis says he wants to move the team to Las Vegas and is willing to spend a half-billion dollars as part of a deal for a new stadium in the city.

Davis upped the ante in a bid to move the team to the gambling city, appearing Thursday alongside soccer great David Beckham and billionaire casino owner Sheldon Adelson before a committee studying the idea of a \$1.4-billion stadium.

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Ingredients

- 1 loaf of bread
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade
- 1 cup roasted red peppers, sliced into strips
- 2 cups mozzarella, sliced
- 2 handfuls of fresh basil
- 8 to 10 pieces of thinly sliced ham or prosciutto
- 1 or 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup green olives, sliced

Directions

1. Use a serrated knife to cut off the top third of the loaf of bread. Tear away the interior

bread leaving about one inch, including the crust. Brush the inside of the top and bottom pieces with olive oil. Spread the tapenade on the underside of the top and set aside.

2. Begin layering. You can't go wrong. First lay down the red peppers and get them into every corner. Next, lay down the mozzarella and cover with basil leaves. Ham could come next, then olives and tomatoes. If your bread is deep enough, repeat. When you're done, place the top on and gently press down.

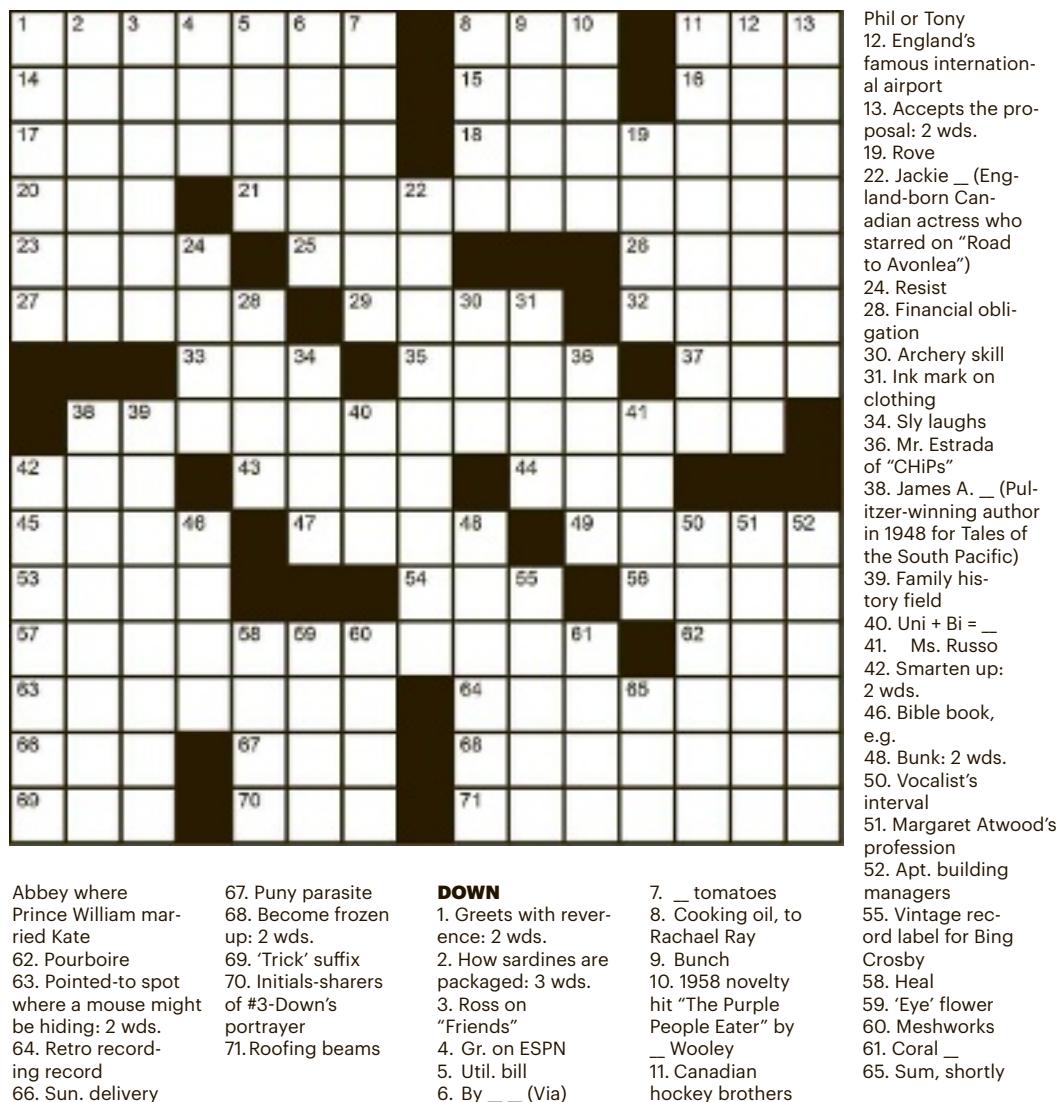
4. Wrap the whole thing in parchment or cling film. Place it on a plate with something heavy on top. Put it in the fridge over night.

5. When you're ready to serve, unwrap your sandwich and cut into the loaf with a serrated knife.

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47. Suspire
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for short
54. Bricks carrier
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67. Puny parasite
68. Become frozen
up: 2 wds.
69. 'Trick' suffix
70. Initials-sharers
of #3-Down's
portrayer
71. Roofing beams
66. Sun. delivery

DOWN
1. Greets with reverence: 2 wds.
2. How sardines are packaged: 3 wds.
3. Ross on "Friends"
4. Gr. on ESPN
5. Util. bill
6. By ___ (Via)

7. ___ tomatoes
8. Cooking oil, to Rachael Ray
9. Bunch
10. 1958 novelty hit "The Purple People Eater" by ___ Wooley
11. Canadian hockey brothers

Phil or Tony
12. England's famous international airport
13. Accepts the proposal: 2 wds.
19. Rove
22. Jackie ___ (England-born Canadian actress who starred on "Road to Avonlea")
24. Resist
28. Financial obligation
30. Archery skill
31. Ink mark on clothing
34. Sly laughs
36. Mr. Estrada of "CHiPs"
38. James A. ___ (Pulitzer-winning author in 1948 for Tales of the South Pacific)
39. Family history field
40. Uni + Bi = ___
41. Ms. Russo
42. Smarten up: 2 wds.
46. Bible book, e.g.
48. Bunk: 2 wds.
50. Vocalist's interval
51. Margaret Atwood's profession
52. Apt. building managers
55. Vintage record label for Bing Crosby
58. Heal
59. 'Eye' flower
60. Meshworks
61. Coral ___
65. Sum, shortly

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Aries March 21 - April 20
In the next three weeks, you will be able to attract money. You might find a better-paying job, or you might see a way to make money on the side.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Buy wardrobe items in the next three weeks, because this is the perfect time to do so. You will enjoy doing this, because you like what you see in the mirror.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Secret love affairs and flirtations will occur for some in the next few weeks. Others will seek out opportunities to enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A friend might become a lover in the next few weeks. Basically, friendships, especially with creative, artistic people, will be warmer.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A romance or a flirtation with your boss is likely in the coming month. Meanwhile, someone will ask you for your creative input in the next few weeks.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Travel for pleasure will please you in the next three weeks. If you can't travel, enjoy learning something new that expands your horizons.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It will be easier for you to get a mortgage or a loan in the next three weeks. This is also a good time to negotiate financial matters with others.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Fair Venus moves opposite your sign today to stay for the next three weeks improving all your relations with close friends and partners. Nice benefit.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Relations with co-workers will improve in the next few weeks. Some of you will get a raise, and most certainly praise for your efforts on the job.

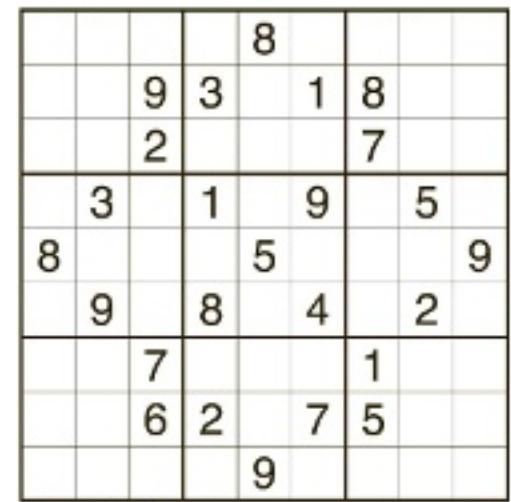
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you can slip away on a vacation in the next few weeks, you will love it! Romance, love affairs, playful excursions and the arts will delight you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Go ahead with redecorating ideas for your home in the next few weeks, because this will please you. This is also a good time to be open to real-estate opportunities.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can make money from your words in the next three weeks. This is an excellent window of time for those in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. Ka-ching!

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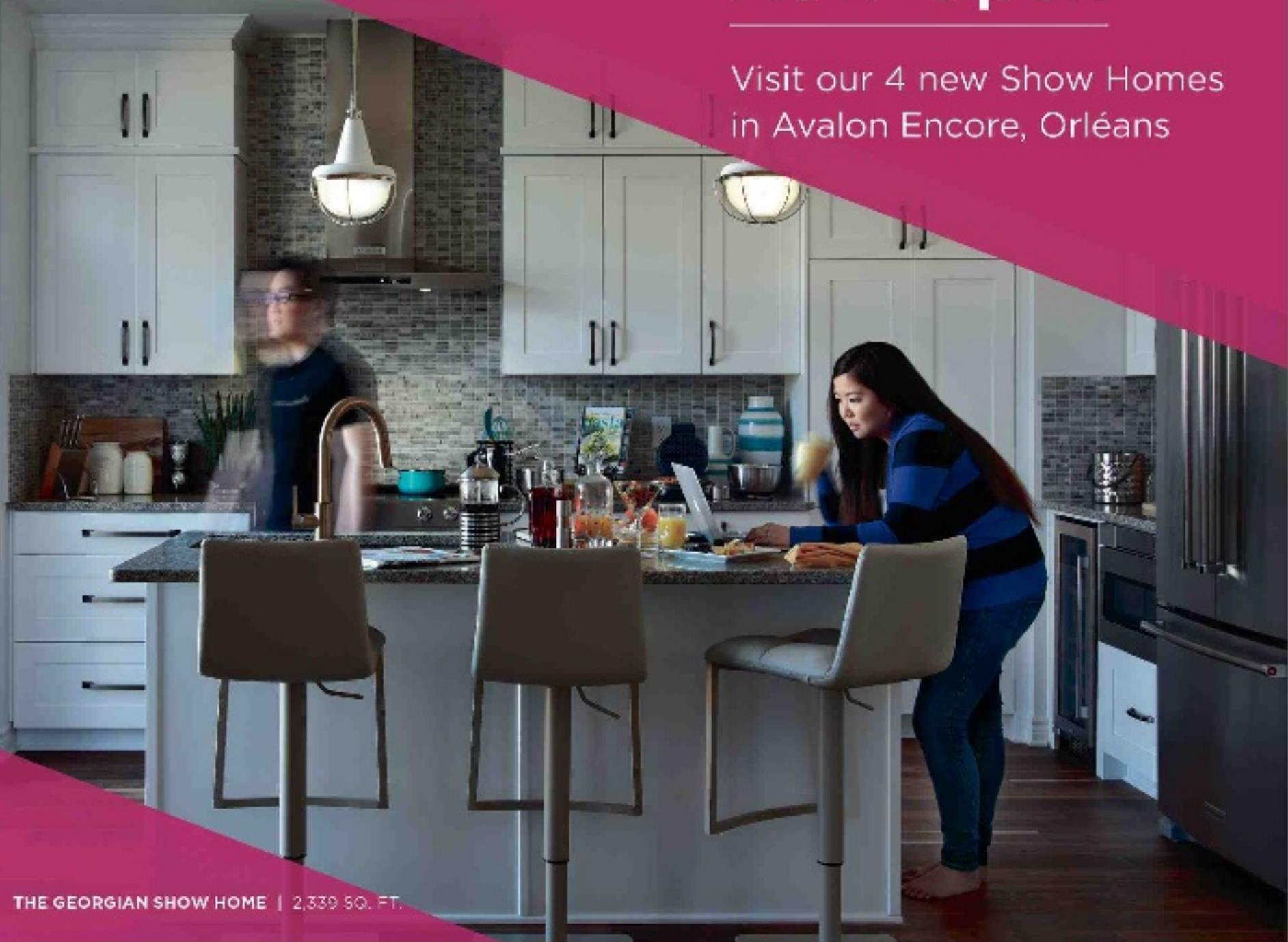




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